

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Takehiko ITAGAKI et al. :
Serial No. New : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
Filed July 13, 2004 : Attorney Docket No. 2004_1122A

PRODUCTION METHOD FOR OXIDATION
-RESISTANT HIGH CHROMIUM FERRITIC
HEAT RESISTANT STEEL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows: